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China missiles target U.S. cities

WASHINGTON (AP) — China keeps some of its nuclear missiles aimed at American cities, U.S. intelligence has concluded, contradicting assertions by President Clinton that nuclear weapons are no longer targeted at the United States.

Government officials confirmed a published report Friday that 13 Chinese CSS-4 missiles, each with a range of

more than 8,000 miles, are targeted at the United States. The Washington Times cited a top-secret CIA report as reaching that conclusion.

A senior administration official said, however, that China keeps its nuclear warheads in storage, not mounted atop the missiles. That policy eliminates the risk that an accidental missile launch would imperil U.S. cities.

Two government officials who spoke on condition of anonymity confirmed the finding of the CIA report.

The spokesman for the Chinese embassy, while declining to comment on specifics of the report, noted that China has proposed to the United States that the two nations commit themselves publicly never to use nuclear weapons against each other.

Washington has not yet responded to the offer, he said.

"To retarget a missile takes only a few minutes," Yu Shuning said Saturday. "That's why we proposed a no-use pledge by the two countries."

Clinton has asserted in numerous speeches and State-of-the-Union addresses that no nuclear weapons are pointed at the United States.

Annan unhappy with U.S. politics

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Secretary-General Kofi Annan expressed regret Friday that the "extraneous matter" of abortion threatens payment of U.S. dues to the United Nations and said it was time to get the issue "behind us."

It was the U.N. chief's first reaction to Tuesday's decision by the Senate, which voted 51-49 to send President Clinton legislation that would pay nearly \$1 billion in back dues — but tie abortion curbs to it.

Clinton is expected to veto the measure because it includes a ban on funding organizations that promote abortion, even though the United Nations says it does

not.

In a statement, Annan said he was "pleased to see the level of support in the Senate on both sides of the aisle for payment of a significant portion of the U.S. arrears to the U.N. system."

But he regretted that "U.S. fulfillment of its financial obligation remains uncertain due to an extraneous matter," meaning abortion.

"The U.N. system does many things each day which benefit the citizens of the United States and of the world," he said. "Conversely, the continuing support of the United States is critical to the success of the United Nations."

Iraq threatens U.N.

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq has warned the U.N. Security Council of "grave consequences" if it does not lift sanctions, the Iraqi News Agency reported Friday.

The warning was spelt out in an open letter to the Security Council from Iraq's two top decision-making bodies that met Thursday under the chairmanship of President Saddam Hussein.

The leadership says that Iraq has fulfilled all its obligations under U.N. resolutions that require the elimination of its weapons of mass destruction.

Clashes mark May Day in Europe, Asia

PARIS (AP) — Protesters clashed with police in South Korea and Turkey, prostitutes rallied in India and European unions pressed for a 35-hour work week in May Day observances Friday that indicated the varying strength of labor movements worldwide.

On the world's traditional workers' holiday, Cubans staged a huge rally for a fallen labor leader. But in France, far-right supporters rivaled the main union march and neo-Nazis protested in Germany. Moscow's once mighty May Day

march dwindled with nostalgic communists.

In an Asia wracked by economic crisis, workers stage mostly peaceful marches. But violence erupted in Seoul, where riot police fired tear gas to disperse 20,000 workers protesting layoffs. About a dozen police and protesters were injured.

"No to layoffs!" and "Let's safeguard our right to survival," protesters shouted.

In Turkey, hundreds of leftist demonstrators attacked police with stones and clubs. Police responded with water can-

nons and truncheons in a clash that injured 42 demonstrators, 28 police and four journalists.

Most other protests were peaceful. Prostitutes in Calcutta, India, staged a rally demanding the legalization of their profession. A left-wing rally in Manila, Philippines, drew 10,000 people, and in Malaysia, 1,000 people demanded more protection from layoffs.

About 2,000 Cambodian workers demanded higher wages and better treatment.

Navy likely will see more action in future

By Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Top leaders are looking to the Navy to help lead the European Command out of the Cold War and its Soviet-era strategies and into the 21st Century.

When it came to the would-be Cold War-turned-hot fight in Europe, you might say the Navy was the military equivalent of a baseball outfielder — definitely needed, but nowhere near the real action.

The Army and Air Force trained together to hold the infamous Fulda Gap against an onslaught of Soviet armored columns and bombers while the Navy watched from the distance, mostly in a supporting role.

But as NATO and U.S. forces in Europe shift their focus away from the all-but-faded threat in the east to more pressing concerns in the south, the Navy has found itself moved into the infield.

"When you look at where all the action for Europe has been recently," said one top European Command staff officer, "it's been in the south and mostly along the coasts of the Mediterranean, the Adriatic and Aegean, as well as down off of Africa.

"And when you look at where our potential flashpoints could be, Algeria for example, most of them will involve the sea services," he said.

Among the threats top leaders are concerned about:

— North Africa. Algeria is being bathed in blood daily as Islamic revolutionaries

attack villages and natural gas pipelines throughout the country. Libya remains a concern, as well, still suspected of promoting international terrorism and producing weapons of mass destruction.

— Greece and Turkey. The rift between these two countries — both NATO allies — is big. Their longstanding face-off over a disputed chain of islands off Turkey's coast doesn't look like it will end any time soon.

— Cyprus. An ethnic Turkish enclave on this island-state in the eastern Mediterranean declared itself independent in 1983, but only Turkey acknowledged its right to do so. Ever since, the island has been a focal point for tension. In the meantime, Cyprus announced it will field a new anti-aircraft missile this summer capable of hitting Turkish warplanes, prompting fierce rhetoric from Turkey that will take "all necessary action" to remove them.

— The Balkans. While a relative peace has settled in Bosnia, neighboring Kosovo has spilled into violence with the Albanian majority there demanding independence from the Republic of Yugoslavia. Many worry fighting could easily spread into neighboring Macedonia and Albania.

— The Middle East. Perhaps the biggest threat to world stability is the multifaceted problems in the Middle East. Iraq and Iran remain sore points in the Persian Gulf, but continuing problems with the peace process in Israel appear far from being resolved.

Military to get boost in pay

By Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Servicemembers tired of hearing about the erosion of military benefits got good news Thursday when a House panel voted to boost President Clinton's proposed military pay raise for next year.

The House National Security Committee's personnel panel unanimously approved a 3.6 percent raise effective Jan. 1, half a percentage point above the Clinton administration's request of 3.1 percent.

That compares with a 2.8 percent raise that took effect in January.

The panel rearranged some of the spending priorities in the Pentagon's \$61.8 billion personnel budget to come up with the \$186 million needed to cover the larger raise, a committee staffer said.

The move came as the committee's various panels began deliberations on their respective portions of the \$257.3 billion defense authorization bill for fiscal 1999.

The full House committee will meet to finalize the bill next week.

Iran: U.S. missiles adapt to new role

LONDON (AP) — Iran claims to have adapted U.S.-made surface-to-air missiles for air-to-air combat, a development that, if true, could substantially increase Tehran's missile inventory, Jane's Defense Weekly reported.

The weekly magazine published photos this week of an SM1 Standard missile on an Iranian F-4 Phantom II fighter bomber and a Hawk missile on an Iranian F-14 Tomcat.

Both missiles are still used by the U.S. military — but not for air-to-air operations.

According to Jane's, Iran's Islamic government has a large amount of U.S. weaponry, especially missiles, that were previously supplied to the shah, who was ousted in 1979.

Iran is now banned from purchasing U.S. weapons, but its air force was largely trained by the U.S. Air Force.

Iranian sources quoted by Jane's said the missiles had been modified for air-to-air use by the Iranian Air Force's Self-Sufficiency Group of engineers.

U.S. military sources quoted by the magazine said they were aware of the Iranian conversions, but were not convinced Iran had the capability to solve the technical problems necessary to adapt the missiles for air-to-air use.

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Marines invade Chicago in urban war exercise

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eighty camouflage-dressed Marines are planning an invasion of Chicago next week — not to fight but to start learning how to wage war in an area cluttered with skyscrapers, sewers, rail tunnels and lots of people.

It's part of a two-year experiment in big-city warfare to prepare the Marines for some of the dangers of the new century.

"Our tactics, doctrine and technology have not kept up with urbanization," Gen. Charles C. Krulak, the Corps' commandant, told the Armed Forces Journal. "In future conflicts, our enemies will lure us into the cities in an attempt to mitigate our capabilities and make us fight where we are the least effective."

The program, begun last summer, has included training in a four-block model town at Camp Lejeune, N.C., and it envisions later practice war games in Charleston, S.C., and Jacksonville, Fla. It is to culminate in a

mock battle fought on the streets of an as-yet-unidentified West Coast city.

The Chicago phase doesn't promise to be too action-packed.

Officers from Camp Lejeune's 1st Battalion, 8th Marines; from the Corp's Quantico, Va.-based Warfighting Laboratory and from the Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force (Experimental) will get a 21/2-day lesson in what makes a city tick.

They'll tour a gas company, water filtration plant, some bridges, underground tunnels and other sites, said Lt. Col. Jenny Holbert, a spokeswoman for the warfighting lab.

Chicago was chosen largely because it has most of the features typical of the complicated, large cities U.S. forces may find someday themselves fighting in: a river, shore access, subways, even a drawbridge.

Cities are considered likely scenes of future strife because 70 percent of the world's population will live in urban areas by 2020.

NATO chief visits wartorn Bosnia

DRVAR, Bosnia and Herzegovina (AP) — Backed by Apache helicopters and armored vehicles, NATO's top commander toured this violence-wracked town Friday to warn hard-line Croats against attacking returning Serbs.

NATO commander U.S. Gen. Wesley K. Clark visited Drvar along with Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, the alliance's commander in Bosnia, and Carlos Westendorp, Bosnia's top international mediator.

The visit — and the tight security surrounding it — underlined the uneasiness following a riot last week by 1,500 Croats who burned Serb homes and aid offices, overturned vehicles and hurled stones at Serbs and U.N. peacekeepers. About 20 people were injured.

Tensions in Drvar soared two weeks ago after an elderly Serb couple was discovered murdered in their burning home. Croat hard-liners have continued harassing Serbs since last week's riots and more than 200 have fled to Serb-held territory.

Helicopters buzzed overhead Friday and NATO armored vehicles prowled the streets of Drvar, a town seen as a test of international resolve to get Bosnian refugees back home this year.

The town was almost wholly Serb before the Bosnian war, but was taken over by Croat forces in 1995 and now houses about 8,000 Croats driven from homes elsewhere in Bosnia by the Serbs.

Starr draws Whitewater comparison

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Drawing pointed parallels between Watergate and his own executive privilege battle with President Clinton, Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr said Friday a president "must give way" and turn over evidence unless national security is at stake.

"If the evidence is relevant to a criminal investigation or prosecution it must be turned over," Starr said in a Law Day

speech that invoked momentous Watergate-era rulings to justify his own legal efforts — but without ever mentioning Monica Lewinsky.

In what he called a "professorial" address, Starr went to lengths to describe historical precedents on the executive privilege issue, including President Nixon's losing fight with special prosecutor Leon Jaworski.

Teens arrested in shooting spree killing one, injuring seven

HAINES CITY, Fla. (AP) — Three teen-age boys in ski masks went on a one-hour shooting rampage, killing a woman in a car and wounding seven other people, including five relatives who were gunned down during a family reunion, authorities said Friday.

The suspects, high school students ages 16 and 17, were arrested and charged in the shootings late Thursday night and in a separate slaying on Sunday, investigators said.

Investigators said the motive was un-

clear. Nothing was taken from the victims.

One of the wounded, a 10-year-old girl shot in the motel room, was in critical condition. The others were in good condition.

The shootings began Thursday night when gunmen jumped from a car and opened fire on a couple who had stopped their car at a mailbox in Davenport. The driver was wounded. Within about a hour, two people were reported shot in a vehicle at a stop sign in Dundee. Christy

Large, 21, was killed, and another person in the car was wounded.

Around the same time, there was a knock on the door of a motel room door near Haines City, and a masked gunman opened fire on five family members from Hinesville, Georgia — two girls, ages 10 and 15, and their mother, aunt and uncle. The family had just checked in for a reunion.

"He opened the door expecting to see relatives and was met by a hail of gunfire ..." Sheriff Lawrence Crow said.

Ex-Black Panther leader dead at 62

From The Associated Press
POMONA, Calif. — Eldridge Cleaver, the fiery Black Panther leader whose prison-written book *Soul On Ice* became one of the seminal works of the Black Power movement, died Friday at age 62.

Cleaver died at 6:20 a.m. at Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center, spokeswoman Leslie Porras said. She declined to provide any cause of death or any details about his hospitalization, citing the family's request.

Fortier asks for release

OKLAHOMA CITY — Attorneys for Michael Fortier, a key government witness in the Oklahoma City bombing case, said Friday he has served his time and should be released.

Fortier's lawyers said in federal court that their client has served two years and eight months, which is eight months more than the term agreed to with prosecutors.

In a place far, far away

WASHINGTON — Astronomers have detected a small galaxy 12.3 billion light-years from Earth — the most distant object ever seen — and say they are on the brink of seeing things even farther away and closer to the big bang beginning of the universe.

"We've already got some candidate objects that are even farther away," said Esther Hu, a University of Hawaii astronomer and co-discoverer of the most distant object. "We are looking about 94 percent of the distance back to the big bang."

Knife not likely evidence

LOS ANGELES — A construction crew found a folding-blade knife in O.J. Simpson's former neighborhood, but police said the knife cannot be linked to the killings of his ex-wife and her friend.

"The evidence that we have is basically that there is no detectable evidence to show that this knife was related to any particular crime whatsoever," said Lt. Anthony Alba, a police spokesman. The knife was found encased in mud on April 24.

Economy showing signs of a growth slowdown

WASHINGTON (AP) — American consumers continued spending robustly in March but other signals Friday pointed toward evidence that Asia's troubles are slowing U.S. economic growth.

Personal income rose just 0.3 percent in March, to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$7.16 tril-

lion, the Commerce Department said. That was the slowest advance in 15 months, just half February's increase of 0.6 percent and well under January's 0.5 percent rise.

Consumer spending, however, increased 0.5 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$5.68 trillion following gains of

0.3 percent in February and 0.7 percent in January.

Meanwhile, according to the National Association of Purchasing Management, the nation's manufacturing sector grew at a slower pace than expected in April, as Asia's woes hurt U.S. exports.

Highway bill on road to nowhere

WASHINGTON (AP) — Is it an asphalt bungle or just a speed bump on the road to better highways?

Either way, Congress, wrangling over a multibillion-dollar law governing federal highway spending, let the old roads law expire on Friday.

The Clinton administration warns of dire consequences, delaying highway projects and curtailing safety inspection programs.

"There will be no dropping of the shovels," said Nicholas Graham, spokesman for committee Chairman John H. Chafee, R-R.I.

Expiration of the law, Graham explained, prevents state transportation departments from issuing new road contracts using federal funds. "Any contracts that have been granted are still ongoing and will continue."

"It may not be the construction itself, but it may be the preparation work that is affected," contended Transportation Department spokesman Bill Schulz.

"If states cannot anticipate that they will have federal funds to pay for a program in July or August or September, they're going to question if they should begin advertising for it. So it begins to set (work) back," Schulz said.

Already, he added, states have been faced with having to pick up the federal 80 percent share of the pay of 3,200 truck safety inspectors across the country. Money for that ran out March 31 under the highway bill extension, he said.

Most states have enough money of their own to keep highway projects going, Graham said. At most, the disruption would be "a couple of minor pains in certain states, but no migraine headaches," he said.

But the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials says that even under the temporary highway law, safety programs have been hard hit by funding shortages.

Texas no longer in state of confusion

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cartographers won't have to redraw their maps after all: Texas was, is and shall remain part of the United States.

So says a federal judge in Washington, who rejected the contention of Republic of Texas "chief

ambassador" Richard McLaren that Texas is a captive nation illegally annexed by the United States in 1845.

McLaren drew national attention to himself and his separatist cause last year when he engaged in a weeklong standoff with

police after his ragtag band launched a raid on some Davis Mountains Resort neighbors, taking two of them hostage.

He is serving a 99-year prison sentence as a result of the siege and faces up to 755 years more in sentencing on fraud charges.

European nations mete out Euro details

From The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — The European Parliament on today debated the selection of 11 nations that will adopt a single currency next year while the EU leaders bickered over who should run the European central bank.

British Chancellor of the Exchequer Gordon Brown, whose country holds the EU presidency, appeared before the EU assembly's monetary affairs committee, then before the full house, to defend the choice of 11 countries that will adopt the euro.

Albright losing faith

ULAN BATOR, Mongolia — U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright is pessimistic about reopening negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians, after hearing reports from U.S. Vice President Al Gore and American mediators who have met with Mideast leaders.

There is "no reason to believe we are in a position to bridge the gaps," State Department spokesman James Rubin said as Albright headed for London, where she will meet separately on Monday with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Rubin told reporters there would be "grave dangers" if the 14-month stalemate in negotiations over the West Bank was extended.

Quake shakes Japan

TOKYO — An earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 5.0 hit parts of southern Japan on today, but there were no reports of damage or injuries.

The quake, which struck at 2:37 p.m., was centered about 50 miles below the seabed of the East China Sea near the border between Japan and Taiwan.

Sinn Fein pressured

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern pressed the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party Friday about the Irish Republican Army's stated refusal to disarm as part of the Northern Ireland peace accord.

"If the agreement is to work and all parties are to participate, then weapons have to be out of use and out of commission for good," Ahern said before meeting Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams.

Albright seeking donors to energize North Korea

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright is seeking international donations to help pay for a civilian power reactor and diesel oil that were promised to North Korea in exchange for a freeze in its nuclear weapons program.

In South Korea on Friday, and earlier in Japan during a weeklong Asia trip, Albright talked to officials about the need to raise about \$500 million to help pay for the \$5 billion reactor and a minimum of \$47 million to cover a debt on diesel purchases. Further deliveries — the United States is committed to provide 500,000 metric tons a year — will run that bill up.

If the reactor agreement founders, there is "grave risk" that North Korea will resume a program that the Pentagon said already had turned out at least one nuclear weapon, Albright

said.

"There should be no doubt we will fulfill an agreement as important as this," she said. She stressed the agreement "has prevented the emergence of a nuclear power."

South Korea has pledged to pay for 70 percent of the reactor, and Japan 20 percent. That leaves 10 percent, or about \$500 million, uncovered.

Reporting on her meeting with Foreign Minister Park Chung-soo, Albright said, "We made good progress on how it would be paid and those talks are continuing."

In looking for donors, the administration intends to hold to its promise to Congress that the bulk of the financing would be provided by countries other than the United States, said a senior U.S. official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Rwandan official pleads guilty

ARUSHA, Tanzania (AP) — The prime minister who led Rwanda's government during the 1994 genocide of more than 500,000 Tutsis pleaded guilty Friday and promised to testify against other alleged ringleaders of the slaughter.

Jean Kambanda's confession of guilt marked the first time in history anyone has pleaded guilty to genocide before an international tribunal, the United Nations said.

All those accused in the post-World War II Nuremberg trials pleaded innocent to charges including murder and extermination. The trials pre-dated the creation of the crime of genocide.

Kambanda, 42, admitted to four genocide charges and two charges of crimes against humanity, the Hironde Press Agency reported.

With each guilty plea, murmurs rippled through the packed courtroom in

the northern Tanzania town of Arusha.

Judge Laity Kama, tribunal president, asked Kambanda if he understood the charges, and whether he had made his plea under threat or pressure.

Kambanda replied that he made his plea "consciously and voluntarily," and assured the court in a steady voice: "My plea is not equivocal, I have understood," Hironde reported.

Concentration camp suspect appears in court

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — A former commander of Croatia's largest World War II concentration camp faced his first court appearance Friday, amid international calls for speedy extradition.

Dinko Sakic, 76, put up no resistance as he was led away in handcuffs Thursday evening from his home in Santa Teresita, an Atlantic resort 200 miles south-east of Buenos Aires.

Federal Judge Hernan Bernasconi read Croatia's extradition request on Friday to Sakic during a hearing in Dolores, a city near Santa Teresita, where Sakic was taken by federal police.

After the brief court session, which came on May Day, Sakic returned to detention. It was not clear when the next court date would be and court officials were unavailable for comment.

Blues salutes Luther Allison and its own

From wire reports

The late Luther Allison was the big winner Thursday at the W.C. Handy Blues Awards.

Allison, who died of cancer last year at age 58, was included in a tribute to Blues artists who have died in the past year. The other honorees were Johnny "Clyde" Copeland, Junior Wells and Jimmy Rogers.

Allison, who was named best entertainer, also won for best contemporary male vocalist, guitarist, and contemporary album for *Reckless*. Luther Allison & the James Solberg Band were named best band.

The awards were given by The Blues Foundation, a nonprofit organization that promotes blues music.

Winners included: Entertainer — Luther Allison; Band — Luther Allison & the James Solberg Band; contemporary male artist — Allison; contemporary female artist — Marcia Ball; soul female artist — Ruth Brown; soul male artist — Little Milton; traditional male artist —

Carey Bell; and traditional female artist — Rory Block.

Others included: acoustic artist — Keb' Mo'; new artist — Johnny "Yard Dog" Jones; guitarist — Allison; harmonica player — Rod Piazza; keyboard player — Pinetop Perkins; bassist — Calvin "Fuzz" Jones; and drummer — Will "Big Eyes" Smith.

Bluff works

It may have been the best bluff world-champion poker player Doyle Brunson ever pulled off.

Confronted last weekend by two armed robbers wearing ski masks, Brunson faked a heart attack to confuse the men and protect himself and his wife.

The men grabbed Brunson, a two-time World Series of Poker champion, outside his house near Las Vegas, and dragged him inside.

Brunson, 64, said he was struck above his eye and handcuffed to his wife while

the robbers pressed him for money in his safe.

As they threatened to kill him and his wife, Brunson faked a heart attack and told the robbers he didn't keep money in the house.

The robbers got away with about \$4,000 in cash and \$80,000 in casino chips he had been carrying, Brunson said. The chips were part of a \$93,000 prize he had won earlier in a tournament earlier in the week.

Rabbi to get prize from pope

Rabbi Mordecai Waxman of Great Neck, N.Y., who for a half century has traveled the globe to promote interfaith relations, has been named by Pope John Paul II as the first rabbi ever to receive an award recognizing contributions to the church and society.

Waxman, a Conservative rabbi who last year celebrated 50 years in his pulpit at Great Neck's Temple Israel, was named Knight Commander of St. Gregory the Great, a papal honor dating to 1831

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Macpherson a hit with bankbook, too

LONDON (AP) — She is called "the body," but Australian model Elle Macpherson could equally be nicknamed "the bank balance."

Macpherson, 34, has topped a list of models who have looked after their bank balances as well as their figures. She is worth an estimated \$36.8 million, according to *BusinessAge* magazine.

As well as her modeling earnings, Macpherson has made money out of her own line of lingerie, exercise videos and movie appearances.

In second place, with a fortune of \$34 million is American Cindy Crawford. Big earners for Crawford, 32, the magazine reported, have been a Pepsi commercial and a contract with Revlon.

Flynt released on own recognizance in Cincinnati obscenity case

CINCINNATI (AP) — Hustler Publisher Larry Flynt smiled and headed for his bookstore after surrendering Thursday to face charges that he broke the law when the store sold sexually explicit

videotapes.

Flynt was released on his own recognizance and planned to visit his Hustler News & Gifts bookstore to sign books and magazines.

Even as he was pho-

tographed and fingerprinted by sheriff's officers, Flynt challenged the judge who assigned himself to handle the obscenity case against Flynt and brother Jimmy Flynt.

"I just hope that we can get

a judge with enough courage to see that we get a fair trial," Flynt said as he left the Hamilton County Courthouse. "People have to at least demonstrate an appearance of fairness."

In The Stars and Stripes

10 YEARS AGO

May 2, 1988 — Three British servicemen were killed and three injured in separate car-bomb and shooting attacks in the Netherlands. The Irish Republican Army claimed responsibility.

20 YEARS AGO

May 2, 1978 — Former President Nixon said in his memoirs that he realized his presidency was doomed when it became known his Oval Office conversations had been taped

30 YEARS AGO

May 2, 1968 — Israel's 2.5 million citizens, surrounded by 100 million Arabs pledged to destroy them, celebrated the 20th anniversary of the first independent Jewish state in nearly 2,000 years.

40 YEARS AGO

May 2, 1958 — President Eisenhower called on Congress to resist any attempt to write a rigid defense reorganization law, suggesting that to do so would open the way to a future Pearl Harbor.

50 YEARS AGO

May 2, 1948 — Martial law was declared throughout Athens after Greek Minister of

Irabu helps Yankees keep winning streak

By The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Hideki Irabu combined with two relievers on a two-hitter, and Bernie Williams drove in both runs as the New York Yankees beat the Kansas City Royals 2-1 Friday night for their 17th win in 19 games.

Irabu (1-0) gave up both hits and struck out eight in 7 1-3 innings, lowering his ERA to 1.47. At 18-6, the Yankees are off to their best start since 1958.

Mike Stanton and Mariano Rivera finished, with Rivera getting his fourth save.

Williams had an RBI single off Pat Rapp (1-3) in the sixth and a sacrifice fly off Jose Rosado in the eighth.

Red Sox 5, Rangers 3

BOSTON — Aaron Sele (5-1) lost to his former team as Troy O'Leary hit a two-run homer that broke a 3-3 tie in the sixth. Darren Bragg had a three-run shot in the first for Boston, which won for the 16th time in 19 games.

Sele, who spent his entire career in the Red Sox organization before a trade to Texas last November, allowed five runs and six hits in seven innings, struck out eight and walked one.

John Wasdin (3-0) pitched two scoreless innings, and Tom Gordon got four outs for his 10th save.

Indians 7, Devil Rays 5

CLEVELAND — Travis Fryman hit

his first homer in nearly a month, a three-run drive in the fourth off Dennis Springer (1-4), and Cleveland won for just the fifth time in 15 games.

Bartolo Colon (2-1) was inconsistent again, but recovered from a four-run fourth to retire 10 of his last 11 batters. He allowed four runs — three earned — and eight hits, walking four and striking



out six. Mike Jackson got three outs for his 10th save.
Tigers 17, Mariners 3

SEATTLE — Bobby Higginson homered twice and had four hits as Detroit scored its most runs since a 17-1 win over Minnesota on April 24, 1993.

Detroit had 20 hits, its most since last Aug. 22 against Milwaukee, and the most off the Seattle since an 18-3 loss to Anaheim last May 21. The Mariners have lost five of six, dropping to 12-16.

Bill Swift (2-1) was pounded for 10 runs and 10 hits in four-plus innings, the most runs he allowed since giving up eight for Colorado against Los Angeles on April 7, 1995.

Angels 7, White Sox 1

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Darin Erstad hit his first major league grand slam and Paco Martin snapped an 0-for-17 drought with an RBI single that broke a 1-all tie in the sixth.

Shigetoshi Hasegawa (1-0) pitched four perfect innings in relief of emergency starter Omar Olivares, who got the call after Jack McDowell was placed on the disabled list Thursday with inflammation in his right elbow.

James Baldwin (2-3) allowed five runs, five hits and five walks.

Athletics 5, Blue Jays 2

OAKLAND, Calif. — Tom Candiotti (3-3) allowed two runs and six hits in six innings, and A.J. Hinch and Scott Spiezio hit consecutive homers in the fourth.

Oakland won its sixth straight — its longest winning streak since Sept. 15-20, 1995 — and is 11-4 since a 2-10 start.

Erik Hanson (0-1), winless since Sept. 23, 1996, allowed four runs and eight hits in 4 1-3 innings. Billy Taylor pitched the ninth for his seventh save in eight chances.

Orioles 6, Twins 3

BALTIMORE — Rafael Palmeiro gave Baltimore a 4-3 lead with a two-run homer off Brad Radke (3-2) in the sixth. The Orioles won consecutive games for the first time in two weeks and sent Minnesota to its fourth loss in five games.

Doug Drabek (2-4) allowed three runs in six innings to stop his four-game losing streak. Arthur Rhodes pitched two scoreless innings, and Armando Benitez finished for his sixth save.

Maddux snaps out of slump for Braves' 6-2 victory

By The Associated Press

So much for Greg Maddux's slump.

Maddux rebounded from two consecutive poor starts, pitching seven solid innings to lead the Atlanta Braves to a 6-2 victory over the San Francisco Giants on Friday night.

Maddux (3-2), who allowed 10 earned runs in 13 innings in his previous two starts, held the Giants to two runs and six hits.

Barry Bonds hit a two-run homer in the first before Maddux settled down. Bonds has eight homers and a .305 career average against Maddux, but the Giants slugger wasn't happy after the game.

Marlins 6, Padres 5

Florida scored five runs off former Marlins ace Kevin Brown, and Edgar Renteria singled in the winning run in the 11th off Dan Miceli to win at Miami.

San Diego, which tied the game in the ninth on consecutive homers by Wally

Joyner and Greg Vaughn off Antonio Alfonseca, left the bases loaded in the 10th and the 11th against Jay Powell (3-2).

Cubs 6, Cardinals 5

Mark McGwire hit his major league-leading 12th homer for St. Louis, but Chicago used a solo homer by Henry Rodriguez and a two-run double by Mark Grace to beat the Cardinals at Wrigley Field.

Jeremi Gonzalez (2-3) improved to 3-0 in his career against the Cardinals, allowing three runs and five hits in five innings.

Expos 7, Diamondbacks 4

Vladimir Guerrero hit a two-run homer and rookie Javier Vazquez got his first major league win as Montreal snapped a five-game losing streak.

Guerrero's shot off Arizona starter Brian Anderson (1-3) capped a three-run third inning that helped Vazquez get his

first victory in six starts.

Pirates 5, Dodgers 4

At Pittsburgh, Turner Ward broke a 1-for-20 slump with a triple that started a four-run sixth inning and carried the Pirates to victory over Los Angeles.

The Pirates ended a three-game losing streak and beat the Dodgers for just the second time in their last 11 meetings.

Astros 12, Phillies 5

Sean Berry drove in four runs and Derek Bell drove in three as Houston won at Philadelphia for its seventh straight victory. Bell hit a solo shot in the fifth off Matt Beech (0-2) and Berry hit a two-run homer in the sixth.

Brewers 5, Reds 2

Jeff Cirillo, switched from third base to first because of a stiff neck and Bob Hamelin's .105 batting average, made several nice fielding plays and drove in two runs to help Milwaukee beat Cincinnati.

Russell puts spark into Jazz for 93-71 win

HOUSTON (AP) — Bryon Russell got 10 stitches on his face and the praise of his teammates.

Russell provided the third-quarter spark, and Karl Malone scored 29 points as the Utah Jazz beat the Houston Rockets 93-71 Friday night and avoided becoming the second top seed in NBA history to lose a series to a No. 8.

Utah trailed 42-36 at the half, and it looked like the Rockets might put them in the record book alongside the 1994 Seattle SuperSonics before the Jazz outscored the Rockets 57-29 in the second half.

"You have to give a lot of credit to Bryon Russell. He came in and played so hard that the rest of us just caught on," John Stockton said. "This gives us an opportunity to stay alive."

The victory evened the best-of 5 series at 2-2, with the deciding Game 5 set for Sunday in Salt Lake City. The winner will play the San Antonio Spurs in the second round.

In today's only action, Minnesota travels to Seattle for the deciding fifth game of that series, the winner of which plays the Los Angeles Lakers.

On Sunday, New York travels to Miami for Game 5 of that series, and Chicago plays host to Charlotte.

Russell scored 15 points and led a third-quarter charge that turned the game round for the Jazz.

The Rockets have a string of 17 consecutive playoff series victories when they've won the first game. Houston won Game 1 103-90 at Utah.

The No. 8 Denver Nuggets beat top-seeded Seattle in 1994, but the Jazz avoided that fate as Malone scored 10 points in the third quarter, and Utah outscored Houston 28-10 in the fourth.

Hakeem Olajuwon led Houston with 27 points and 15 rebounds, but Clyde Drexler was the only other Rocket in double figures with 11 points.

Hornets 91, Hawks 82

Anthony Mason scored 21 of his 29

points in the fourth quarter for Charlotte.

"Mase was awesome," said Charlotte coach Dave Cowens, whose team advanced to the second round for the second time in team history.

Atlanta became only the third team to lose a playoff series to an opponent it swept during the regular season, and the Hawks were knocked out in the opening round for the first time since 1995.

The Hornets, who shot only 34 percent and tied an NBA playoff record by scoring 64 points in a 32-point loss in Game 3, surpassed that miserable effort by the end of the third quarter.

Mason, who had sparked a minor controversy late in the regular season when he said Hawks had "no heart," pumped his fist on the way back down the court and went on tie his season high for points, in addition to grabbing 14 rebounds.

It was reminiscent of his effort in Game 2, when he scored 25 points in a 92-85 victory.

Canada swipes clean win from Austria

ZURICH, Switzerland (AP) — Defending champion Canada, seeking to erase the disappointment of the Nagano Olympics, opened the World Hockey Championships with a 5-1 victory over Austria Friday.

In another opener, Olympic champion Czech Republic beat Japan 8-2.

The Canadians scored first against Austria, when Keith Primeau of the Carolina Hurricanes converted Olympic teammate Rob Zamuner's pass at 15:05 of the first period.

"It was an important win," Primeau, the team's captain, said. "The first match is always a danger-game. It doesn't matter who we play, they always seem to be all fired-up to play against us."

Just 70 seconds later, Ray Whitney scored on a redirected shot from Travis Green of the Anaheim Mighty Ducks, giving Canada a 2-0 lead.

After a scoreless second period, the Canadians doubled their advantage in the first four minutes of the third period, as Eric Daze of the Chicago Blackhawks and Gord Murphy of the Florida Panthers each blasted home a slapshot from the point.

Sabres eliminate Flyers

From The Associated Press

Dominik Hasek won his first Olympic gold medal this year with the Czech Republic team. Now he has another first — a playoff series victory with the Buffalo Sabres.

"It's a great feeling," Hasek said after making 35 saves to lead the Sabres over the Philadelphia Flyers, 3-2 in overtime Friday night.

The 4-1 series victory sent the Sabres into the second round of the Eastern Conference playoffs and sent the Flyers home. The Sabres became the second team to advance, following the St. Louis Blues.

"We never expected this," said Flyers captain Eric Lindros, whose team was a Stanley Cup finalist last season. "We're a much better team than we showed in this series."

In two other Eastern Conference series Friday night, Montreal beat Pittsburgh 5-2 and Boston defeated Washington 4-0. The Canadiens and Capitals both lead those best-of-7 se-

ries 3-2.

Tonight, it's New Jersey at Ottawa in the East, and Dallas at San Jose and Colorado at Edmonton in the West. Ottawa, Dallas and Colorado all lead their series 3-2 and can advance with victories.

Michal Grosek's power-play goal 5:40 into overtime lifted the visiting Sabres over the Flyers.

Buffalo, which had won only two of its previous 14 playoff series, eliminated the Flyers in five games. It was the same number of games Philadelphia needed to beat Buffalo in last year's playoffs. Before this year, Hasek had a 6-11 record while appearing in five playoff series.

All three Sabres goals came on the power play, which produced nine goals in 32 chances during the series. Eight of the Sabres' last 13 goals in the series came on the power play.

"Three (power-play goals) in the last game, three tonight," Philadelphia coach Roger Neilson said. "You can't allow six power-play goals in two games and expect to win."

